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FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Finding:

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIZATION: The priority of fire safety needs to be explicitly stated in both federal and state legislation as higher than the priority of environmental protection in cases where there is a conflict.

Background and Supporting Evidence: *(A short statement justifying the Finding and describing desired outcome(s); usually no more than half a page.)*

Environmental review that is part of any forest management design process should be subject to a final review by fire agencies for approval such that *cumulative environmental protections from multiple agencies do not unreasonably erode fire safety* through the review process.

Numerous state and regional environmental agencies tend to reinforce their own limited purpose objectives without deference to objectives outside their purview. It should be the responsibility of every government agency to recognize and facilitate fire safety as determined by fire agencies above all other forest management objectives.

It is necessary to establish this priority through the unambiguous action of federal and state governing bodies to be accepted within the numerous existing environmental agency cultures.

Recommendation(s) *(Based upon an analysis of the Finding, the following recommendation(s) should be made to the Governors):*

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas)***:**

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Funding source
- ☐ Staffing
- ☐ Existing regulations and/or laws

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Operational
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Health and Safety
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Interagency